



Chattanooga City Council
Chattanooga, Tennessee
John P. Franklin, Sr. City Council Building

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 12, 2024

3:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Council Chair Raquetta Dotley called the business meeting to order at 3:32 p.m. A quorum was present that also included Council Vice Chair Jenny Hill and Councilpersons Chip Henderson, Ken Smith, Darrin Ledford, Isiah Hester, Carol Berz, and Demetrus Coonrod. Councilwoman Marvene Noel arrived after the call to order.

[Editor's Note: This meeting was live streamed on YouTube in two parts. Part 1 of this meeting (prior to the recess) is available [here](#). Part 2 of this meeting (after the recess) is available [here](#).]

OTHER PARTICIPANTS

Office of City Attorney: Phil Noblett, City Attorney

Mayor's Office: Brooke Satterfield, Chief Policy Officer; Hanneke van Deursen, Bloomberg Harvard City Hall Fellow; and Julia Bursch, Deputy Chief Operating Officer

Fire Department: Rick Boatwright, Deputy Chief of Operations

Economic Development: Nicole Heyman, Chief Housing Officer, and Sydney Shivers, Director of Housing Policy

Regional Planning: Bryan Shults, Director of Development Services

Council Office: Melissa Bardoner, Council Support Specialist, and Nicole Gwyn, Clerk to Council

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Dotley led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance and gave an invocation.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

***Proclamation Recognizing Christy Rashed* By Councilman Isiah Hester**

Councilman Hester recognized Christy Rashed with a proclamation [see attached] recognizing her community service for the citizens of Chattanooga. Ms. Rashed accepted the proclamation and shared the honor with her colleagues in the National Coalition of 100 Black Women.

APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Ledford, the minutes of the last meeting (March 5, 2024) were approved as published.

DISCUSSION AGENDA

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

Agenda Item VIII(a) – Case No. 2024-0023

Councilwoman Berz informed the Council she would be deferring this item until April 9, 2024. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Agenda Item VIII(b) – Case No. 2024-0026

Councilwoman Berz advised that she had received a letter [via email] in opposition to this item. Discussion ensued about the procedure for making the email part of the record, which may be viewed [here](#). Upon no objection from Council, the emailed letter will be attached to these minutes.

Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

[Councilwoman Noel joined the meeting during this discussion.]

RESOLUTIONS

Agenda Item IX(k) – Case No. 2024-0032

Councilman Smith advised that there was significant community opposition to this item and that the applicant requested a 30-day deferral to address their concerns. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

NEXT WEEK'S PROPOSED AGENDA (March 19, 2024)

Agenda Item 9(d) – Fire Dept. (Resolution relative to Fire Training Tower Construction)

Councilman Ledford requested additional information for this item; Chief Boatwright responded [view discussion [here](#)]. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

PURCHASES

RFP Format – Mayor's Office / IDP (Relative to Essential Community Services Hotline)

Councilman Ledford requested clarification on this item. Ms. Satterfield responded. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE

PROCEDURAL NOTE: Council Chair Dotley yielded control of the meeting to Vice Chair Hill for the Affordable Housing Committee.

Vice Chair Hill, Committee Chair, called the Affordable Housing Committee to order at 3:47 p.m. with a quorum of all nine Councilpersons present. [View committee [here](#).]

On motion of Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilwoman Berz, the minutes of the last meeting (January 23, 2024) were approved as published.

New Affordable Housing PILOT Program Presentation

Vice Chair Hill invited Ms. Heyman to introduce the proposed changes to the current PILOT program and why these changes were needed. Ms. Heyman then yielded the presentation to Ms. Shivers and Ms. van Deursen, who briefly explained what a PILOT is before giving an overview of the proposed new PILOT framework & program requirements [view [here](#)].

Afterwards, the floor was opened for questions and comments from the Council. Discussion ensued, which may be viewed [here](#) and touched on the following:

- Abatement structure
- Project's yearly monetary cap & how that amount was determined
- Possibility to incentivize rehabilitation of existing structures vs. new construction
- Cost-benefit analysis & project's impact on the budget
- Role of the Council vs. the HEB Board in setting parameters of the project
- Ensuring accountability & safeguards against applicant "double-dipping"
- Annual reporting requirement

Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

RECESS

Vice Chair Hill adjourned the Affordable Housing Committee at 4:18 p.m. and recessed the business meeting until 6:00 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Chair Dotley reconvened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. A quorum as present that also included Vice Chair Hill and Councilpersons Henderson, Smith, Ledford, Hester, Berz, Noel, and Coonrod. Attorney Noblett and Ms. Gwyn were also present.

ORDINANCES – FINAL READING:

PROCEDURAL NOTE: With no objection from the Council, Chair Dotley instructed the Clerk to group and read the following two ordinances for one Council vote.

Alternate Version

ORDINANCE #14090

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 5, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, RELATING TO THE BEER BOARD.

ORDINANCE #14091

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 35, RELATIVE TO THE WRECKER BOARD.

Councilman Ledford moved to approve. Councilman Smith seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: ORDINANCES 14090 & 14091 APPROVED

PROCEDURAL NOTE: With no objection from the Council, Chair Dotley instructed the Clerk to group and read the following three ordinances for one Council vote.

Version #4

ORDINANCE #14092

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 32, ARTICLE III, SECTIONS 32-61 THROUGH 32-85, RELATING TO EXCAVATIONS AND RESTORATION OF PAVING.

ORDINANCE #14093

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 32, ARTICLE XII, STREET CONSTRUCTION.

ORDINANCE #14094

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 32, SECTION 32-13, 32-14 AND 32-15 RELATING TO LICENSE TO MAKE EXCAVATIONS.

Councilwoman Berz moved to approve all three ordinances. Councilwoman Coonrod seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: ORDINANCES 14092-14094 APPROVED

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

2024-0023
Iron Horse Properties TN, LLC
Planning Commission Version
District No. 6

Agenda Item VIII(a):

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PART OF A PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6745 CUSTOMER DELIGHT DRIVE, FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO R-3 RESIDENTIAL ZONE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

Councilwoman Berz moved to defer to April 9, 2024. Vice Chair Hill seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: DEFERRED TO APRIL 9, 2024

2024-0026
Marathon Realty Corporation
Planning Commission Version
District No. 6)

A hearing ensued on Agenda Item VIII(b):
[View [here](#)]

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE AN UNADDRESSED PROPERTY IN THE 6700 BLOCK OF BALLARD DRIVE, FROM R-3 RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO C-2 CONVENIENCE COMMERCIAL ZONE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

During the course of the hearing, Mr. Shults (Regional Planning) made a partial presentation [view [here](#)] on the case that included a summary of the application, aerial view, and site plan. He noted that there were no members of the Opposition at the Planning Commission, but there had been one letter of opposition received.

On behalf of the Applicant:

- **Tripp Ward** [view [here](#)] – He is the Food City Real Estate Development Manager. He informed the Council about a letter sent in support of the rezoning. He spoke on the added condition of a berm on Ballard Drive. He displayed a revised plan for the site based upon their flagship site.
- **Patrick Addison** [view [here](#)] – He is the V.P. of Residential Care at the Tennessee Baptist Children’s Home. He spoke on the space that would be created if the rezoning is approved and spoke on the other TBCH properties on Ballard Drive.

Councilwoman Berz informed the Council about the two options that Mr. Ward presented to the neighborhood and the neighborhood’s choice of building on the C-2 track.

On behalf of the Opposition:

- **Dee Dee Fram** [view [here](#)]– She represented the residents who attended the neighborhood meetings. She read three examples of Food City not being a considerate neighbor. She spoke on what she perceived as strongarm tactics by Food City.

Councilwoman Berz informed the Council of a petition from the residents at the retirement home who all chose Option B proposed by the Applicant. She also further elaborated on the stronghold tactics that had taken place regarding this case.

Rebuttal: Mr. Ward spoke further on the berm. He also informed the Council of a “nuisance issues” list that he sent to Councilwoman Berz.

Councilwoman Berz questioned Mr. Ward on the shades and lighting. She questioned Mr. Pitcairn (Public Works) on the egress, ingress, and sidewalk. During which, Mr. Ward agreed to accept the recommendations of the traffic study, if done, regarding the sidewalk. Mr. Pitcairn confirmed that a traffic study would determine if a crosswalk is needed with the sidewalk. Vice Chair Hill spoke on the tone of the email from the developer [see *attached*] on this rezoning. After all questions and comments, **Councilwoman Berz moved** to deny. Vice Chair Hill seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: CASE NO. 2024-0026 DENIED

2024-0017
Lee Helena
Planning Commission Version
District No. 7

On motion of Councilman Ledford and seconded by Councilman Smith,

ORDINANCE #14095

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1921 CENTRAL AVENUE, FROM M-1 MANUFACTURING ZONE TO R-T/Z RESIDENTIAL TOWNHOUSE/ZERO LOT LINE ZONE.

The motion carried.

ACTION: PASSED ON FIRST READING

2024-0033
Collier Construction
Planning Commission Version
District No. 7

On motion of Councilman Ledford and seconded by Councilman Smith,

ORDINANCE #14096

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1310 EAST 36TH STREET, FROM M-1 MANUFACTURING ZONE TO R-2 RESIDENTIAL ZONE.

The motion carried.

ACTION: PASSED ON FIRST READING

2024-0034
Collier Construction
Planning Commission Version
District No. 7

On motion of Councilman Ledford and seconded by Councilman Smith,

ORDINANCE #14097

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE TWO UNADDRESSED PROPERTIES IN THE 3600 BLOCK OF ALTON PARK BOULEVARD AND THE 300 BLOCK OF WEST 37TH STREET, FROM M-1 MANUFACTURING ZONE TO R-3 RESIDENTIAL ZONE.

The motion carried.

ACTION: PASSED ON FIRST READING

2024-0031
River Street Architecture, LLC
Planning Commission Version
District No. 7

On motion of Councilman Ledford and seconded by Councilman Smith,

ORDINANCE #14098

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1620 RIVERFRONT PARKWAY, FROM M-1 MANUFACTURING ZONE TO C-3 CENTRAL BUSINESS ZONE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

Councilman Ledford confirmed that the Applicant agreed with the conditions as presented tonight. After which, the motion carried.

ACTION: PASSED ON FIRST READING

RESOLUTIONS:

On motion of Vice Chair Hill and seconded by Councilwoman Berz,

RESOLUTION #31994

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO APPLY FOR, AND IF AWARDED, ACCEPT EMERGENCY SOLUTION GRANT FUNDS, FROM THE TENNESSEE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (THDA) TO BE USED FOR RAPID RE-HOUSING ACTIVITIES AND STAFF SUPPORT, FOR AN APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF \$134,375.00.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilwoman Berz and seconded by Councilman Smith,

RESOLUTION #31995

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY FINANCE OFFICER TO RENEW A CONTRACT WITH HENDERSON, HUTCHERSON & MCCULLOUGH, PLLC RELATING TO EXTERNAL AUDIT SERVICES FOR YEAR FOUR (4), FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$136,360.00, AND AN ANNUAL RENEWAL IN YEAR FIVE (5), FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$137,720.00.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

PROCEDURAL NOTE: With no objection from the Council, Chair Dotley instructed the Clerk to group and read the following two resolutions for one Council vote.

RESOLUTION #31996

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYOR KELLY'S APPOINTMENT OF SYDNEY SMITH TO THE CHATTANOOGA PUBLIC ART COMMISSION, FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON MARCH 13, 2024, AND ENDING ON MARCH 12, 2026.

RESOLUTION #31997

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MAYOR KELLY'S APPOINTMENT OF RYAN KOPET TO THE CHATTANOOGA PUBLIC ART COMMISSION, FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON MARCH 13, 2024, AND ENDING ON MARCH 12, 2026.

Vice Chair Hill moved to approve. Councilwoman Noel seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 31996 & 31997 ADOPTED

PROCEDURAL NOTE: With no objection from the Council, Chair Dotley instructed the Clerk to group and read the following two resolutions for one Council vote.

RESOLUTION #31998

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH AIM CENTER TO SUPPORT THE GOALS OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA'S CARE COALITION TO ADDRESS HEALTH DISPARITIES IN CHATTANOOGA BY PROVIDING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES TO THE CITY'S UNDERINSURED AND HOMELESS POPULATIONS, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$255,750.00.

RESOLUTION #31999

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH SCENIC CITY WELLNESS TO SUPPORT THE GOALS OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA'S CARE COALITION TO ADDRESS HEALTH DISPARITIES IN CHATTANOOGA THROUGH WORK IN HEALTH LITERACY, HEALTH DATA, AND CONTINUED COVID-19 RESPONSE, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$278,250.00.

RESOLUTION #32000

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH MEDICOS MISSION FUND TO SUPPORT THE GOALS OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA'S CARE COALITION TO ADDRESS HEALTH DISPARITIES IN CHATTANOOGA THROUGH WORK IN HEALTH LITERACY, HEALTH DATA, AND CONTINUED COVID-19 RESPONSE, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$175,000.00.

RESOLUTION #32001

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH FIRST BAPTIST CARES TO SUPPORT THE GOALS OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA'S CARE COALITION TO ADDRESS HEALTH DISPARITIES IN CHATTANOOGA BY PROVIDING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,290.00.

RESOLUTION #32002

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH ALIGN WELLNESS TO SUPPORT THE GOALS OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA'S CARE COALITION TO ADDRESS HEALTH DISPARITIES IN CHATTANOOGA BY PROVIDING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$12,500.00.

Councilwoman Berz moved to approve all five resolutions. Vice Chair Hill seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 31998 - 32002 ADOPTED

J. Harvey & Emily Cameron
Vine and Barrel
District No. 3

On motion of Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Ledford,

RESOLUTION #32003

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A NEW SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS PERMIT FOR A NEW LIQUOR STORE LOCATED AT 5506 HIXSON PIKE.

The motion carried, with Councilman Henderson voting "No."

ACTION: ADOPTED

2024-0032
Pratt Land Development Company, LLC c/o Ian Blackmore
District No. 3

Agenda Item IX(k):

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS PERMIT FOR A RESIDENTIAL PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT AMENDMENT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6107 HIXSON PIKE.

Councilman Smith spoke on the amount of opposition he has heard regarding this case. Therefore, **Councilman Smith moved** to defer to April 9, 2024. Councilman Ledford seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: DEFERRED TO APRIL 9, 2024

On motion of Vice Chair Hill and seconded by Councilman Henderson,

RESOLUTION #32004

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO RENEW THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ON-CALL BLANKET CONTRACT FOR MODELING AND FLOODPLAIN ANALYSIS SERVICES, CONTRACT NO. S-20-004-100, FOR YEAR FOUR (4) OF FOUR (4) TO THE FIVE (5) CONSULTANT FIRMS LISTED PER THEIR QUALIFICATIONS PACKAGE, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$750,000.00: (1) STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES, INC.; (2) CDM SMITH, INC.; (3) WSP USA ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE, INC. (FORMERLY WOODS ENVIRONMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE SOLUTIONS, INC.); (4) AECOM; AND (5) S&ME, INC.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

PROCEDURAL NOTE: With no objection from the Council, Chair Dotley instructed the Clerk to group and read the following two resolutions for one Council vote.

RESOLUTION #32005

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF WASTEWATER TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED, WITH THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE CLASS A POWER (CLASS A BIOSOLIDS AND PROCESS OPTIMIZATION FOR WASTEWATER ENERGY RECOVERY) PROJECT.

RESOLUTION #32006

A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 31538 ENTITLED, "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO AWARD CONTRACT NO. W-22-018-201, RAISE AND LOWER MANHOLES FOR TENNESSEE STATE PAVING PROJECTS, TO PROFESSIONAL CONCRETE FINISHING, INC., OF CHATTANOOGA, TN, FOR \$449,675.00, WITH A CONTINGENCY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,325.00, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$500,000.00.", AND RENAMING THE RESOLUTION AS, "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF WASTEWATER TO AWARD CONTRACT NO. W-22-018-201, RAISE AND LOWER MANHOLES FOR TENNESSEE STATE PAVING PROJECTS, TO PROFESSIONAL CONCRETE FINISHING, INC., OF CHATTANOOGA, TN, FOR YEAR ONE (1) OF FOUR (4) WITH THREE (3) ANNUAL RENEWALS, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$500,000.00."

Councilwoman Berz moved to approve. Vice Chair Hill seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 32005 & 32006 ADOPTED

[Councilmen Hester and Smith exited the meeting.]

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Recommended New Purchases

Ms. Bursch (Mayor's Office) recommended the following new purchases for Council consideration:

Solicitation 200625

Department of Public Works/Division of Transportation \$520,198.28

Asphalt Rejuvenator Agent

Lowest/Best Bidder: Pavement Technology, Inc.
24144 Detroit Road
Westlake, OH 44145

PA100141 Street Maintenance Division, Public Works \$152,000.00

Grounds Maintenance for City Right-of-Ways (Short Properties)

Lowest/Best Bidder: Excellent Lawncare
P.O. Box 23203
Chattanooga, TN 37422

PA100142 Street Maintenance Division, Public Works \$237,000.00

Grounds Maintenance for City Right-of-Ways (Long Properties)

Lowest/Best Bidder: Excellent Lawncare
P.O. Box 23203
Chattanooga, TN 37422

PA100146 Street Maintenance Division, Public Works \$57,000.00

Grounds Maintenance at Enterprise South Industrial Park

Lowest/Best Bidder: Excellent Lawncare
P.O. Box 23203
Chattanooga, TN 37422

PA100134 Fleet Management Division, Public Works \$133,000.00

Setina Products for Police SUVs

On-Duty Depot Inc
2090 Reliable Pkwy
Chicago, IL 60686

Councilwoman Berz moved to approve. Vice Chair Hill seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: ALL PURCHASES APPROVED

RFP Format Recommendation

Ms. Bursch recommended the following for approval as a Competitive Sealed Proposal instead of a Competitive Sealed Bid in compliance with City Code 2-554:

DEPARTMENT	SUMMARY	DOCUMENTATION LINK
Mayor's Office/IDP	Essential Community Services Hotline; Numerous providers and platforms are available to provide call center services. Competitive sealed proposals will allow us to evaluate the best approach for providing this essential community service.	Determination Form

Councilman Ledford affirmed that this description referred to 211 call center services, not 311. After which, **Councilman Ledford moved** to approve issuing the RFP. Vice Chair Hill seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: APPROVED TO ISSUE THE RFP

Emergency Purchase (1)

Ms. Bursch reported the following emergency:

DATE	DEPT.	DESCRIPTION	COST	SUPPLIER	EXPLANATION	DOCUMENT
3/4/24	Fleet Management Division, Public Works	Rental of Garbage Trucks	Increase of \$7,118.75 for freight to update PUR134277 to \$61,718.75	Big Truck Rental 4221 W. Boy Scout Blvd Suite 400 Tampa, FL 33607	This is an additional increase for freight of \$7,118.75 for three (3) Garbage Truck rentals. Council original request was reported on 1/30/24, and increase approved on 02/27/24. The new total for PUR134277 is \$61,718.75.	PUR134277

[No Council action was required for the emergency purchase.]

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Affordable Housing Committee

Vice Chair Hill reported:

- The committee met today to hear a presentation on proposed changes to the city's Affordable Housing Policy. Those changes will come to the Council's agenda in the form of a resolution in the next couple of weeks.

Budget and Finance Committee

Councilwoman Berz reported:

- A Budget and Finance Work Session will take place on March 19 at 2:00 p.m.

Economic Development Committee

Councilwoman Coonrod (No report)

Education and Innovation Committee

Councilwoman Noel (No report)

Equity and Community Development Committee

Councilwoman Coonrod (No report)

Legislative Committee

Councilman Smith (No report)

Planning and Zoning Committee

Councilman Ledford reported:

- The Planning and Zoning Work Session #3 will take place on March 26 at 1:00 p.m.

Parks and Public Works

Councilman Hester (Not present)

Public Safety Committee

Councilman Henderson (No report)

RECOGNITION OF PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

(View [here](#))

Attorney Noblett read the rules of procedure for persons wishing to address the Council. After which, Chair Dotley recognized the following persons:

Speaker Name	District	Primary Topics:
• Benjamin Fleet	1	Requesting a temporary sidewalk at 306 Cherokee Blvd./Requesting crosswalk safety measures at 300 block of Cherokee Blvd. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair Dotley directed the speaker to speak with either Kevin Roig of the Mayor’s Office or Ross Pitcairn of Public Works, who were both present in the Assembly.
• William Temple	7	Option B - Frazier Avenue Traffic Pattern Survey/Sidewalk dangers at 13 th & Broad <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair Dotley directed the speaker to Mr. Roig.
• Monty Bell	(N/A)	Immediate Remove of Office Ouster
• Nathan Bird	7	Cons against Option A for Frazier Avenue Traffic Pattern Survey/Focusing on biking as a mode of necessary transportation, not just recreation

• John Larosa	2	Supports Option B for Frazier Avenue Traffic Pattern Survey
• Patrick Addison	6	Clarified his intent regarding the Tennessee Baptist Children’s Home agenda item denied today

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Henderson, Chair Dotley adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council until next Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at 3:30 p.m.

COUNCIL CHAIR

CLERK OF COUNCIL

*Attachments (2):
 Proclamation – Christy Rashed
 Letter Regarding Case No. 2024-0026*



Chattanooga City Council Proclamation

WHEREAS, Mrs. Christy E. Rashed is married to Shakir M. Rashed, is the mother of Kamilah Rashed-Granville and the late Jamal M. Rashed, and is the grandmother of Khalia Rashed-Granville.

WHEREAS, Christy and her husband, Shakir, have provided over 150 scholarships to students from area public and private high schools through the Jamal M. Rashed Memorial Scholarship Fund, Inc., a 501c3 organization that was created in memory of their son Jamal, and where Christy currently serves as Vice President.

WHEREAS, Christy is a member of MOMS Demand Action, a grassroots movement of Americans fighting for public safety measures that can protect people from gun violence. She is also a Grief and Gun Violence motivational speaker and has spoken in several states as well as our community about ending gun violence.

WHEREAS, Mrs. Rashed was appointed to the Inaugural Police Advisory and Review Committee for the City of Chattanooga, has previously served as Vice Chair of the Bessie Smith Cultural Center Board of Directors, founded the R.E.A.L. (Respect, Educate, Achieve and Lead) Mentoring Program, and is a member of the Chattanooga Hamilton County NAACP Branch, as well as several other Boards.

WHEREAS, Christy was honored by Mayor Berke with a proclamation for her dedicated work in educating and motivating young ladies. She was recognized by Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority in 2014 as a 'Woman Trailblazer' in the field of entrepreneurship and education, was the recipient of the 2023 NAACP Ruby Hurley Award, and the Bessie Smith Cultural Center's 'Living African American Legend' Award in 2017.

WHEREAS, Mrs. Rashed also organized and directed the Miss Bessie Smith Pageant for three years; the young ladies who competed for the title have all received their degrees or are presently preparing to graduate from college. Christy and her husband, Shakir, have assisted over 100 first generation students receive college degrees.

Now Therefore,
be it proclaimed, that I, Councilman Isiah Hester,
do hereby express appreciation to

Christy E. Rashed

for her strong community political activism,
and for her philanthropy with our youth.
Dated this 12th day of March, 2024.



Isiah Hester
Councilman, District 5

From: **David Atchison**

Date: Tue, Mar 12, 2024 at 12:10 PM

Subject: Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes rezoning (1.55 acre R3 zoning)

To: Carol Berz

Dr. Berz,

If you have a few minutes this morning, I would really like to speak with you. I have left messages yesterday and today.

We received the news yesterday that you have decided that you are going to turn down the zoning request for our property that Food City has proposed. I am confident that you are attempting to do what you believe is best for the neighborhood. I respect that.

However, as a neighbor that has occupied 74 acres in the community for the last 70 years we respectfully disagree. We do not believe the consequences of turning this down will be beneficial to the neighbors or to us (as TBCH serving children). Here are our reasons:

1. This decision means that TBCH will receive \$620,000 less for that 1.55 acres. 100% of those dollars are dedicated to the redevelopment of our campus which would be beneficial to the neighborhood and broader community.

2. Now Food City will go forward with the exact same store size on less acreage so there is really not a substantial gain for the neighbors--although we think Food City will be a benefit to nearby residents.

3. Now Food City will not be creating a berm along Ballard which would have been a plus for the neighborhood.

4. As much as we don't want to, now we will be forced to try and maximize the sale or development of the 1.55 acres--which means we will have to densify the site according to zoning in place. We are scrambling to now figure this out, but it appears that we can probably get between 25 to 30 units on the site. Again, we do not really want to have to go this route. We don't really want those units in that location. However, we have to be good stewards of this land so we can build what the children need. We have to maximize the sale of that lot, which is why we thought the plan of letting Food City purchase that piece made sense.

5. Turning this down will not save the trees. We cannot afford to pay for someone else's green space by not developing the property that we have been entrusted with.

6. Preventing Food City from creating the pad site (which already zoned C-2) is not really going to impact the neighborhood positively. Our goal has always been to clean up and improve the Lee Highway frontage. That pad site would have contributed to that goal.

I know you were wanting us to delay this; however, due to Food City's current lease term that was not an option.

Dr. Berz, I know you are doing what you believe is best for the neighborhood. We are just disappointed that we weren't brought into all of these conversations when you were making your decision.

If you still want to discuss, feel free to call me.

David

DAVID ATCHISON
PRINCIPAL

theriverstonegroup.com | [LinkedIn](#)

